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TO:

County Assessors, County Auditors, and Vendors

FROM:

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RE:

50 IAC 26 Amendment - Oil and gas file format specifications

DATE:

February 11, 2013

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform county officials and vendors of revisions made to the file specifications for the OILGAS and OILGASALL files found in 50 IAC 26, Computer Standards for a Uniform and Common Property Tax Management System.

The intent behind this amendment to 50 IAC 26 is to make the file format specifications align more clearly with the oil and gas billing process utilized by the counties. The Department of Local Government Finance ("Department") has worked with counties and vendors to ensure that concerns with the file formats were alleviated. Under the revised specifications, the property number becomes the unique record in the OILGASALL file. Each property number in the file denotes individual interest owners and clearly ties records from the OILGASALL file to a corresponding record in the TAXDATA file.

As previously advertised, the public hearing and adoption meeting for this proposed amendment took place on December 20, 2012. The amendment was adopted by the Department and recently gained final approval by the Indiana Attorney General's office and Governor's office. The revised file formats for oil and gas assessments will go into effect on March 1, 2013. The new file formats will be in place for OILGAS and OILGASALL files rolled to the auditor or submitted to the Department for 2013 pay 2014. The recently-approved amendment with the revised file formats is attached to this memo.

If you have any questions, please contact Eric Bussis, Director of Data Analysis at <u>erbussis@dlgf.in.gov</u> or (317) 232-3759.